



THE TOKEN HUNTER

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THE COIN AND TOKEN SHOW

HIGHLIGHTS

By Robin Sidwell

What a feast for the eyes was provided by The Second Annual Salt Lake City Coin and Token Show. Not only was there some wonderful pieces being offered for sell and trade by the dealers in attendance, but the displays were among the best I have seen anywhere. I recognized several of the items on display as being from club members. This made me very proud to be associated with an organization who's members produced such wonderful entries. There were fourteen cases totaling nine exhibits. Each one was indeed something special. Awards went to the following:

TOKENS

- 1st Place...George Wilson
- 2nd Place...Bob Harris
- 3rd Place...Richard Blaylock
- 4th Place... Aloma Blaylock

George had an exhibit of tokens of the Tintic Mining District.

HAND HELD COLLECTABLES

- 1st Place... Ery Ratcliff
- 2nd Place...Bryan Moulton
- 3rd Place...Don Keener

Ery's exhibit consisted of some beautiful pocket watches.

- BEST OF SHOW...George Wilson
- FORGIN COINS...Kieth Jennings
- PEOPLES CHOICE...Kieth Jennings

Kieth Jennings has an exhibit on Russian coins that was extensive and dazzeling.

Thanks to all of thoes who entered

Any news, views, or info you'd like to share? Tell someone about it. If you would like to have an ad or an article appear in the TOKEN HUNTER call the Editor.

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By George Wilson

June is upon us once again. 1986 has hit mid point and begins moving toward 1987. As I write this letter we are putting the finishing touches on our Second Annual Cain and Token show. There has been a great deal of work and effort put into this year's show. 3,000 flyers have been distributed from Wyoming to Nevada, and all around the state of Utah. Our table sales have put us on the profit side again, so our show will be a money maker.

Several exhibits are being entered again this year. The exhibit chairman tells me that it is not too late to put in an exhibit. You will have to get your application in right away or give me a call. We want to give everyone an opportunity to put in an exhibit. The final publicity mailings are out to radio and tv stations, newspapers and magazines across the state. We have gained national attention through publications such as Numismatic News, Coin World and the Numismatist. A full page ad appeared in the ATCO Newsletter, and as a result we have received letters from all over the U.S. asking about our show and our organization. The final push will be on June 19th. From 9 to 10 pm Bob Campbell, Dave Freed, and myself will be on KSL radio promoting our show and our society. KSL covers seven western states and literally thousands of people will be listening. We also have several items that will be featured in the local media.

We have had 50 additional medals produced for sale at the show. This will bring our final production figure to 150 for the 1986 medal. These medals will be sold at the hospitality table for \$4.50 each. We will need some people to staff this area, so please call Mary Moulton and spend some extra time with us at the show. We want to be ready for our best show yet.

This month is also the time for our first out of state dig. June 16-22 we will be visiting the area around Ely, Nevada. If you need more details

check the last issue of the **TOKEN HUNTER** or give me a call. We cannot make plans for meeting places, times etc. unless we hear from you. This should be an interesting trip and I would like to invite you all to join us.

Last month a change was made in the governing board. Lance Johnson, due to unforeseen problems, has found it necessary to resign his office of Vice President. Bryan Moulton has agreed to serve out the remaining term of office. This change was approved by a majority of the governing board as required in the by laws. We want to thank Bryan Moulton for stepping in to fill this vacancy.

I want to thank Mary Wright for taking the time to come and speak at the May meeting. Mary showed us the efforts being made by the Abandon Mine Reclamation Program. The presentation was informative. We all gained a new respect for the old shafts and portals that we often encounter on digs.

The June meeting should be a little different, and fun. I'd like to ask each of you to bring your favorite collectable along to the meeting. Be prepared to share some information and time with the group, telling us about each piece. This should be not only fun, but informative for all. Coins, tokens, bottles, stock, whatever, bring it to the next meeting.

The June meeting will be held on the 26th at the Redwood Multipurpose Center, but there are some changes in July and August schedules. Due to the July 24th holiday, the meeting has been moved to the 31st. The August meeting will be our annual picnic to be held at Copperton Park on the 27th. More details will be coming in Next month's **TOKEN HUNTER**.

That just about wraps it up. This is an exciting month for NUTS and I hope that you will be involved. I'll look forward to seeing you at the show, the meeting, and in Nevada.

PLACES TO WATCH

By Glen Sidwell

Thanks to some ones bad luck, many of our members with metal detectors and bottle probes may have some good luck. The place to keep your eye on this month is the site of Salt Lake's worst fires in years

The site I refer to is the old Utah Lumber Company and the Thrift store on 3rd West and first south. Watch this spot. It is one big mess, and also a danger and will have to be leveled soon. In the process it will provide us with a prime opportunity to find some great treasures. As it is quite an old area of the city I suspect that many interesting things will turn up. This being a commercial site for many years makes the possibility of finding tokens and coins quite good.

One more site to keep an eye on is the old Salt Lake High School on Pierpont Avenue. The building is being renovated and the Tribune reports that the sidewalks in the area will be upgraded. This is a great chance for metal detectors to cover the area. Good Hunting!

TOKEN SHOW

The second Annual Coin and Token show was a great success. We made even more of a profit than last years show. All of the efforts made by club members paid off. A special thanks goes out to all who gave of their time and talents in putting the show together and making sure that things ran smoothly.

All of you who attended the show helped to push the number of visitors well into the hundreds. This means alot to the dealers who were there to buy, sell and trade coins and tokens.

Of course the most important of any coin show is the dealers who attend. This year's show brought dealers from all over Utah, and several from other

states. We enjoyed having you at The Second Annual Salt Lake City Coin and Token Show, and hope to see you there next year.

All About Coins
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Medallion Consultants Inc.
Kellog, ID

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Preston Coins
Preston, ID

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Salt Lake City, UT

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Ogden, UT

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West Valley City, UT

S-H Coins
Pleasant View, UT

Treasure Cove Stamp & Coin
Provo, UT

Wyoming Connection
Evanston, WY

COLLECTORS CORNER

Harold and Linda Franke were born and Raised in the Gendale Park area on the west side of Salt Lake City. They lived just down the street from mon another all their lives and started dating when they were 15. They were married in 1966, one year after the graduated from South High School and have three children, Kristine age 18, Steven age 19, and Jill age 10.

HAROLD AND LINDA FRANKE

When Harold was 11 years old, he and his friends were watching a man dredge the Jordan River near his home. The man brought up a load of silt and it glistened like hundreds of gold coins. The man jumped off of his dredging machine and ran over to check out his find. "Oh, it's just a bunch of thoes old trade tokens," he said. When the man left, harold and his frinds loaded their pokets with these new found treasures. His friends soon lost interest in the tokens and even put some in pop and candy machines, but for some reason, Harold found these unusual coins interesting and went back time after time, searching for as many as he could find. He even waded info the river and dug down with his hands or a shovel and pulled out over 3,000 of these tokens. He put them into an old ammunition box that he kept under his bed. Every now and then, he would bring them out to look at them and wonder what they were.

In the Spring of 1982 Harold heard of a man who was familiar with trade tokens. He gathered up a handful, put them into a fruit jar, and took them to the coin shop af Harry Campbell. I'm sure that you can guess the rest of the story. Harold became addicted to the token collecting hobby, just as most of you are. He goes out digging every chance he gets, most of the time with his son Steve, who has a nice collection of old bottles. Steve becamw interested in bottle collecting when they were in Frisco Utah a few years ago an a club trip. He watched as some bottle diggers work-

ed ferverishly removing dirt and treasures from an out house hole. Well, he was bitten by the "bottle bug" and he has been spending wvery spare minute since that time digging and researching.

Linda likes to tag along and search the brush and ruins for old relics. She has found everything from old irons, lanterns and coal shovels from the transcontinental railroad, to delicate cameo broaches and silver and amethyst jewelry.

Just a note of interest. Harold went down to the Hordan River this spring when the water was low and waded in hip boots until he got to the area where he found the tokens 28 years ago. He dug down with his hands and pulled out several clumps of mud. Hidden inside the clay he found what he had dreamed of finding for so long...TOKENS!!! Unfortunately, the river has risen again to a point where it is impossible to search for the treasures, but he waits with great anticipation for the waters to once again receede. Do we have any scuba divers out there?

may

3-4 ——— TINTIC MINING DISTRICT

24-26 ——— FRISCO

june

16-22 ——— NEVADA

july

4-6 ——— MILL CITY

august

2-3 ——— WINTER QUARTERS

30-31 SEPT 1-KIMBERLY

MILL CITY OUTTING

Mill City in northern
Summit County will be
our next outing on July
4th-5th-6th. Please meet
at the Redwood Multi-purpose
Center on Redwood Road at
8:00 A.M. on the 4th if
you plan to go out with the
rest of the Club!!

ANNUAL DUES SHOULD BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER JAN. 1ST

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6143 Rainy Lane
Murray, Ut. 84107

CITY DIG



By Glen Sidwell

As my wife Robin will tell you, every day as far as I am concerned, is a great day to go detecting. On one such day, I was scanning the city for a place to detect and decided to head for the west side of town in the hope that several abandon houses I had been watching had been demolished and on their way to the land fill. No such luck. The homes still stood. I was determined, as usual, to find a bare spot of ground to swing my detector in. Looking around the area I noticed a vacant lot that had had several inches of topsoil removed. I knew that I had found my spot.

Arriving with my detector, I noticed that someone had beaten me to this area. Telling myself that I would

find something anyway, I began. The area appeared to have been a trash dump at one time, so I was excited about what may be hidden here. In just a few minutes, I spotted a token practically right on the surface. It was a four sided scallop, and after rubbing a bit of dirt off I could make out the word favorite across the top. I became so excited about this find that I ran back to my truck, drove over to the Seven-11 store, and called Bryan Moulton to see if he could join me in covering this area. Bryan was unable to come right away and suggested maybe tomorrow he could. I told him that I was going back to the site for a few hours to see what else turned up.

Upon my return I took my detector following a straight line from my truck to the dump site. I picked up a good strong signal, looked down, and there lay a seated liberty quarter! Checking this small area for another signal, I found another token just a few feet away. Brushing the dirt from this token, I made out the Mormon Temple, I knew I had a good find. On the obverse is printed The Main, Good for a Drink or Cigar, West first South, Salt Lake City.

The next day I returned to the site with Bryan Moulton, George Wilson and Bob Campbell. But luck had left us, and all we turned up was a few pennies, marbles, and doll parts.

Hopefully whoever began the grading in this area will return to finish the job, because I believe there is more to be found here. If you are interested in trying this site, it is located at 650 West 3rd North.

Oh, by the way, the scallop token turned out to be from the Favorite Saloon, 201 South State, Good for 12 1/2¢ in Trade. As far as I know it is the only one found to date. Let me know if you are aware of others. Good Luck

THE MARKETPLACE

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